Population Estimates

Alberta's total population growth continued to slow in the first quarter of 2010, as a result of a moderation in net inflows of interprovincial migration and non-permanent residents (NPR). As of April 1, 2010, Alberta's total population was estimated to be 3,724,832, an increase of more than 58,500 persons, or 1.60%, from the same quarter in 2009 (**Table 1**). This was the lowest annual growth rate in almost 14 years. However, the province still experienced a higher growth rate than the national average of 1.19%.

TABLE 1: POPULATION & GROWTH RATES CANADA & ALBERTA

	Population			Yearly Growth Rate	
Apr 1	Canada	Alberta	Apr 1	Canada	Alberta
2006	32,470,572	3,396,821	2006	1.02%	3.03%
2007	32,820,377	3,490,219	2007	1.08%	2.75%
2008	33,199,573	3,567,294	2008	1.16%	2.21%
2009	33,618,648	3,666,196	2009	1.26%	2.77%
2010	34,018,957	3,724,832	2010	1.19%	1.60%

Source: Statistics Canada

Among provinces, British Columbia had the highest year-over-year population growth (1.64%) in the first quarter of 2010 (**Table 2**), followed by Alberta and Saskatchewan (1.57%). This was the first time in more than 8 years that Alberta lost its leader position. The lowest population growth rates were observed in the Maritime Provinces such as Nova Scotia (0.29%) and New Brunswick (0.31%). .

Migration

After two consecutive quarters with net losses, Alberta attracted a net inflow of 312 interprovincial migrants during the first three months of 2010 (**Table 3**). However, this was still considerably lower than the average quarterly net inflow of about 5,700 over the past 10 years (2000-2009). Nationally, British Columbia continued to have the highest net inflow of interprovincial migration (1,642) in the first quarter of 2010, while Ontario had the largest net outflow (-2,069).

Of all the provinces and territories, Ontario contributed the most (555) to Alberta's net interprovincial migration gains, followed by Nova Scotia (418) and Newfoundland and Labrador (196). However, these gains were partially offset by the net losses to British Columbia (-542) and Saskatchewan (-415).

International migration to Alberta remained strong. In the first quarter of 2010, 6,758 international immigrants moved to Alberta (**Table 4**). This was 28.0% higher than the same period last year and 13.6% higher on a quarter-over-quarter basis. Due to large job losses (-26,000) in the first quarter, non-permanent residents, however, remained relatively weak, even though it recouped some of the net outflow of 1,425 observed in the fourth quarter of 2009. Total NPRs in Alberta increased by 48 persons to 90,372 in the first three months of the year, the second lowest net inflow over the past 6 years.

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF APRIL 1, 2010 & GROWTH RATES SINCE APRIL 1, 2009

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	510,901	141,551	940,482	751,273	7,886,108	13,167,894	1,232,654	1,041,729	3,724,832	4,510,858	34,246	43,529	32,900
Growth Rate	0.7%	0.9%	0.3%	0.3%	1.0%	1.1%	1.4%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	2.0%	0.4%	2.9%

Source: Statistics Canada

Natural Increase

Between January 1 and March 31 of 2010, Alberta recorded 12,728 births. This yielded a crude birth rate of 3.4 births per 1,000 persons for the period, the highest among provinces and almost 30% higher than the national average of 2.7. Combined with the 5,994 deaths recorded during the first quarter, Alberta's total population experienced a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 6,734 persons.

TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS
JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2010

	Destination												
Origin	**Nfld.**	**P.E.I.**	**N.S.**	**N.B.**	**QUE.**	**ONT.**	**MAN.**	**SASK.**	**AB.**	**B.C.**	**Y.T.**	**NWT**	**NVT.**
Nfld and Lab.	0	52	438	151	37	729	104	12	948	147	0	49	63
Prince Edward I.	69	0	164	165	14	224	26	12	94	157	0	15	8
Nova Scotia	410	216	0	768	224	1,660	70	83	1,363	433	0	42	0
New Brunswick	163	155	612	0	382	782	95	72	745	144	11	11	0
Quebec	51	62	228	499	0	3,734	286	174	934	749	6	36	64
Ontario	1,208	214	1,541	1,025	3,095	0	1,423	1,184	4,831	3,878	95	216	120
Manitoba	86	22	100	73	155	1,236	0	788	1,189	735	0	69	70
Saskatchewan	0	8	98	68	51	448	567	0	2,790	906	6	4	0
Alberta	752	139	945	662	936	4,276	1,201	3,205	0	6,565	50	252	45
British Columbia	133	42	527	132	463	3,444	668	688	6,023	0	143	25	16
Yukon Territory	0	0	5	0	8	21	0	0	73	136	0	20	26
Northwest Terr.	75	0	19	0	0	70	17	25	332	96	21	0	68
Nunavut Terr.	12	0	11	25	7	137	25	0	18	0	0	61	0
	Nfld.	**P.E.I.**	**N.S.**	**N.B.**	**QUE.**	**ONT.**	**MAN.**	**SASK.**	**AB.**	**B.C.**	**Yukon**	**NWT.**	**NVT.**
In Migration	2,959	910	4,688	3,568	5,372	16,761	4,482	6,243	19,340	13,946	332	800	480
Out Migration	2,730	948	5,269	3,172	6,823	18,830	4,523	4,946	19,028	12,304	289	723	296
Net Migration	229	-38	-581	396	-1,451	-2,069	-41	1,297	312	1,642	43	77	184

Source: Statistics Canada

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TABLE 4: ALBERTA MIGRATION BY QUARTER

	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total	NPR*	Total+NPR
Quarter	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Net Migration including Net NPR
2006											
Jan-Mar	23,163	10,843	**12,320**	4,727	1,033	519	536	**3,711**	**16,031**	1,546	**17,577**
Apr-Jun	22,820	13,308	**9,512**	5,445	1,170	549	885	**4,611**	**14,123**	2,210	**16,333**
Jul-Sep	34,456	17,727	**16,729**	5,714	2,309	747	2,233	**4,891**	**21,620**	2,988	**24,608**
Oct-Dec	20,628	12,950	**7,678**	4,832	1,280	543	601	**3,610**	**11,288**	1,185	**12,473**
Total	*101,067*	*54,828*	***46,239***	*20,718*	*5,792*	*2,358*	*4,255*	***16,823***	***63,062***	***7,929***	***70,991***
2007											
Jan-Mar	18,625	13,900	**4,725**	4,015	980	483	579	**3,131**	**7,856**	4,106	**11,962**
Apr-Jun	21,947	17,270	**4,677**	5,595	1,252	538	935	**4,740**	**9,417**	5,826	**15,243**
Jul-Sep	26,228	24,023	**2,205**	6,171	2,343	755	2,233	**5,306**	**7,511**	4,823	**12,334**
Oct-Dec	15,614	13,579	**2,035**	5,085	1,268	540	601	**3,878**	**5,913**	2,487	**8,400**
Total	*82,414*	*68,772*	***13,642***	*20,866*	*5,843*	*2,316*	*4,348*	***17,055***	***30,697***	***17,242***	***47,939***
2008											
Jan-Mar	18,572	14,710	**3,862**	5,352	961	480	579	**4,490**	**8,352**	3,985	**12,337**
Apr-Jun	24,023	16,808	**7,215**	7,196	1,232	534	935	**6,365**	**13,580**	7,241	**20,821**
Jul-Sep	30,265	25,338	**4,927**	6,455	2,347	754	2,233	**5,587**	**10,514**	7,604	**18,118**
Oct-Dec	20,152	13,954	**6,198**	5201	1,279	541	601	**3,982**	**10,180**	4,480	**14,660**
Total	*93,012*	*70,810*	***22,202***	*24,204*	*5,819*	*2,309*	*4,348*	***20,424***	***42,626***	***23,310***	***65,936***
2009											
Jan-Mar	24,982	17,838	**7,144**	5,279	962	480	579	**4,416**	**11,560**	4,380	**15,940**
Apr-Jun	25,693	20,956	**4,737**	6,925	1,237	534	935	**6,089**	**10,826**	2,594	**13,420**
Jul-Sep	20,790	23,325	**-2,535**	8,865	2,368	754	2,233	**7,976**	**5,441**	2,439	**7,880**
Oct-Dec	12,124	14,904	**-2,780**	5,947	1,287	541	601	**4,720**	**1,940**	*-1,425*	**515**
Total	*83,589*	*77,023*	***6,566***	*27,016*	*5,854*	*2,309*	*4,348*	***23,201***	***29,767***	***7,988***	***37,755***
2010											
Jan-Mar	19,340	19,028	**312**	6,758	964	480	579	**5,893**	**6,205**	48	**6,253**
Apr-Jun	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jul-Sep	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oct-Dec	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	19,340	19,028	**312**	6,758	964	480	579	**5,893**	**6,205**	48	**6,253**

* Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of non-permanent residents living in Canada. The five following groups are referred to as NPRs: (1) persons residing in Canada claiming refugee status; (2) persons residing in Canada who hold a study permit; (3) persons residing in Canada who hold a work permit; (4) persons residing in Canada who hold a Minister's permit; (5) all non-Canadian born dependants of persons claiming refugee status, or of persons holding study permits, work permits or Minister's permits and living in Canada.

Source: Statistics Canada

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